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Our Case No.: 10781/9

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Ioannis Pallikaris et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,356

Filing Date: July 23, 2001

For: DEVICE FOR SEPARATING THE  
EPITHELIUM LAYER FROM THE  
SURFACE OF THE CORNEA OF  
AN EYE

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3731

**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,658,303	August 19, 1997	Koepnick
4,198,132	April 15, 1980	Seger et al.
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>		
<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b> <small>Number-Kind Code (If known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
DE 201 15 585 U1	02/21/2002	Germany
EP 1 114 628 A1	07/11/2001	EPO
WO 98/53774	12/03/1998	PCT
WO 94/17851	08/18/1994	PCT

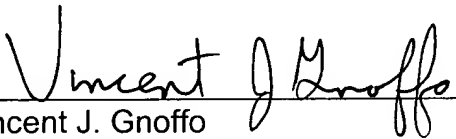
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

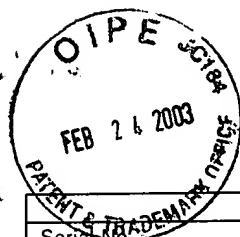
Each item of the information disclosed in this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application as evidenced by the date of the enclosed search report.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3pp. Filed in Dup.); Form PTO 1449 (1p.); 6 Cited References; Copy of International Search Report; and PTO Reply Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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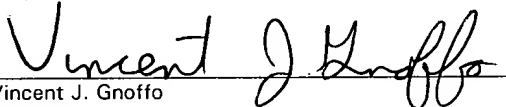
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